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Re: In re Application of Steven T. Kirsch
Application No. 08/927,022
Filed: September 10, 1997
For: DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL SYSTEM
WITH ACCESS CONTROL
Group: 2171
Examiner: C. Rones
Our Ref.: INF-009

Dear Sir:

In an Order Remanding to the Examiner dated March 28, 2002 the Board ordered that "the application is remanded to the examiner (1) for resolution of the issues set forth above regarding 'related appeals and interferences;' (2) for proper response to the Reply Brief, or to reopen prosecution; and (3) for such further action as may be deemed appropriate."

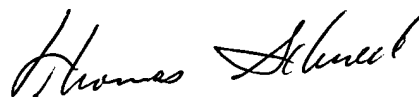
In an Office communication dated April 23, 2002 the Examiner indicated that the Reply Brief has been entered and considered, but no further response is deemed necessary. The Examiner also indicated that the application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. However, the Examiner failed to address resolution of the issues set forth in the Order regarding related appeals and interferences.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits herewith for filing a new Applicant's-Appellant's Opening Brief (First Resubmission) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 (c), in triplicate, to correct the defects outlined in the Order Remanding to the Examiner. Specifically, Applicant has amended the Brief to include a section entitled Related Appeals and Interferences where it is indicated that there are no related appeals or interferences.

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You are hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0590 for additional fees required for the refiling of the enclosed Applicant's-Appellant's Opening Brief (First Resubmission).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Schneck".

Thomas Schneck

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Encl. Appeal Brief (First Resubmission) in Triplicate

cc: Tod Devine, Esq.



Re: Letter to Assistant Commissioner for Patents
dated May 2, 2002, transmitting Appeal Brief
(First Resubmission), in triplicate, for
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